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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 880 By Haun

A RESOLUTION to honor Mr. Andrew Joseph Merriman for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this body should pause in its deliberations to honor and commend certain individuals who through model character personify idealism and endless work ethic for the state of Tennessee as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Andrew Joseph Merriman is one such individual who through his dedication and hard work has been an asset of the utmost degree to the staff of the Legislative Office of Governor Don Sundquist and the entire staff of the Tennessee General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, a native of Greeneville, South Carolina, he moved to Greeneville, Tennessee to attend Tusculum College, where he is highly regarded not only by his peers, but also by the faculty and administration as well, Mr. Merriman has achieved academic excellence while majoring in Political Science and Psychology and minoring in Religion; and

WHEREAS, an accomplished and respected leader, Andrew Merriman has served on several committees at Tusculum College, including holding the offices of President and Vice

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President of Student Government Association and living as a Resident Assistant for two years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Merriman has been active in numerous extracurricular activities while attending Tusculum College; he has played an intricate role for two years on the successful football team and for one year running cross-country; and

WHEREAS, Andy has continued his athletic abilities by joining the successful Nashville Rugby Football Team where he quickly made a name for himself and the respect of his fellow players; and

WHEREAS, after ending his internship with the Legislative Office of the Governor, he plans to work for gubernatorial candidate Bob Peeler in South Carolina; his display of intellectual aptitude and ambition as an intern with the Governor's Office surely bodes well for his future success throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize himself with the characteristics and complexity of Tennessee state government and to further his studies, Andy Merriman brought his many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2002 session of the One Hundred Second General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Andy's success as a legislative intern is directly attributable to his reliance upon the time honored values of hard work, common sense, and to his exceptional ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Andy has found his intern experience to be most rewarding, and this extraordinary young man has excelled in each of his appointed duties; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE

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SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and congratulate Andrew Joseph Merriman for outstanding service as a legislative intern for the Legislative Office of Governor Don Sundquist and extend to him our most sincere wishes for every future success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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